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The Staten Island Children's Museum Will Celebrate Winter Holidays in December
Sharing the traditions of Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and Ōmisoka

November 27, 2018 - The Staten Island Children's Museum will celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and Ōmisoka with special programs and events in December.

The month's [ShopRite](#) Kidz Cook sessions will show participants how to bake delicious cookies to celebrate these four winter holidays. Sessions are on Fridays at 3:00 and 4:00 pm and are free with admission; tickets will be available at the front desk.

Young artists will create pop-up cards inspired by winter's snowy days during December's Weekend Art Studio, which is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

The monthly [Con Edison](#) *Second Saturday Science!* "Pixelate Me!" workshop will let children use Perler beads to create their own pixelated artwork inspired by legendary Nintendo video game designer Shigeru Miyamoto, creator of Super Mario. The workshop will be open on Saturday, December 8 from Noon – 1:00 pm.

Young scientists will learn about the importance of the moon's phases during the Winter Solstice and create their own lunar charts in "The Dark Side of the Moon" science workshop on Saturday, December 22 in sessions at Noon and 1:00 pm.

Merry Music Series Returns!

The Children's Museum will celebrate the season with its popular December performance series:

- [Brighton Ballet Theater](#), Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 pm. Guests will enjoy selected pieces from the holiday classic "The Nutcracker."
- [Sundog Theatre Company](#) Presents: "Cinderella Outgrows the Glass Slipper" on Saturday, December 8 at Noon. A fairy tale turned upside down by a Cinderella who makes her own shoes and has no interest in parties. Can any Fairy Godmother convince her to go? Visitors will find out during this special performance.

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- **GRACE-ful Glee**, Saturday, December 8 at 3:00 pm. It's time for holiday caroling with the members of the [GRACE Foundation of New York's](#) Junior Glee Troupe. GRACE-ful Glee is an innovative performing arts program provided by the GRACE Foundation that offers individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) a chance to build and express their creative singing talents. Since its inception in 2011, GRACE-ful Glee has successfully performed at many Staten Island community events and venues to much applause and inspiration.
- **Happy Hanukkah!** Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 & 3:00 pm. Guests will celebrate Hanukkah with a special Jewish cultural performance and sing-along.
- **Rockin' New Year!** Monday, December 31 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Young revelers will count down to 2019 with a party and performance by [Music with Patrick!](#)

Winter Recess Week Activities

School's out for Winter Recess and the Children's Museum has a week of fun-filled activities!

Imagination Playground: Kids can build & create structures using giant foam blocks and bricks. Wednesday, December 26 from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Walk-In Art Workshop: Create unique noise makers to ring in the New Year! Pick up a timed ticket at the front desk. Wednesday, December 26 & Thursday, December 27 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

ShopRite Kidz Cook: Celebrate the holidays and bake special cookies! Be sure to pick up a timed ticket at the front desk. Friday, December 28 at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00 pm.

Weekend Art Studio: Create pop-up holiday cards inspired by snowy days. Saturday, December 29 and Sunday, December 30 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

New Year's Eve (Day) Party! Welcome 2019 with games, crafts, light refreshments and a balloon drop finale! Monday, December 31 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The Museum closes at 3:00 pm on this day.

Tot's Time and regular weekday art programs are cancelled during the Winter Recess Week.

Holiday Hours

The Children's Museum will be open on Wednesday, December 26 – Sunday, December 30 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and on Monday, December 31 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. It will be closed on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25 and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1. Please note that programming is subject to change; visit sichildrensmuseum.org for updates.

The Staten Island Children's Museum is located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. The Museum's hours for September – June are Tuesday– Friday from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. For more information, call 718-273-2060, email info@sichildrensmuseum.org, or visit sichildrensmuseum.org. The Staten Island Children's Museum is housed in a building owned by the City of New York and its operation is made possible, in part, with public funds provided through the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs with support from the Staten Island delegation to the NYC Council. Significant operating support is also provided by the NYS Council on the Arts, Corporations, Foundations, the Trustees and Members.

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